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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MAY 12, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Vice Chair Jose Perez at 9:53 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*
Jose Perez, *Vice Chair*
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)*
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liaison)*
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member*

Excused:

Mia Sena, *Public Member*
Alyson Smith, *Board Member*

Absent:

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

Also in attendance:

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*
Rachel Glasgow, *Regulatory Analyst (for a portion of the meeting)*
Terri Goldberg, *Assistant Deputy Director (for a portion of the meeting)*
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair Ben Beitin announced the presence of quorum at 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2016 PUBLIC MINUTES

Upon motion made by Edward Reading, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board voted to approve the March 10, 2016 public minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Inga Shnee, LMFT, AAMFT

Jill Lavender, LMFT applicant

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

No items to report.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Rule Proposal Adoptions

The Board reviewed and approved the following regulations in advance of Sunset.

1. Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

Upon motion made by Edward Reading, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board voted to approve the publication of the proposed amendments to the regulations for the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Committee. Voting in favor: all.

Upon motion made by Jose Perez, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board voted to approve and designate Board Chair Ben Beitin, to approve any updates or changes that Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow, may need to make for final determination. Voting in favor: all.

2. Professional Counselor Examiners Committee

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Edward Reading, the Board voted to approve the publication of the proposed amendments to the regulations for the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee. Voting in favor: all.

3. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

Upon motion made by Edward Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to approve the publication of the proposed amendments to the regulations for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee. Voting in favor: all.

B. Assembly Bill 3224

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 3224, which seeks to establish the Mental Health Treatment Reform and Violence Prevention Act.

Upon motion made by Edward Reading, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board voted to support this bill by omitting the word physician and changing it to psychiatrist only. Voting in favor: all.

C. Assembly Bill 3387

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 3387, which seeks to provide supplemental appropriation of \$50 million from General Fund to Department of Human Services for substance abuse treatment and prevention.

The Board accepted this as informational.

D. Assembly Bill 3453

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 3453, which seeks to require all public bodies to allow public comment at every meeting.

The Board accepted this as informational.

E. Assembly Bill 3638

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 3638, which seeks to establish animal cruelty offenders of animal hoarding; requires mental health counseling for all animal cruelty offenders.

Upon motion made by Edward Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to support this bill to include Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors for mental health practitioners who can treat. Voting in favor: all.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

None to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No items to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

X. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS

The Board reviewed the proposed Teletherapy Guidelines.

The Board is waiting for the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committees to review the teletherapy guidelines submitted and will work to begin drafting regulations.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MFT Regulations Sub-Committee

1. Has completed its review of proposed changes to existing regulations, and will vote on the completed draft at its April 14, 2016 meeting.
2. The Application Committee reviewed the application for licensure, three year temporary permit holder, and Documentation of Supervised Marriage and Family Therapy Experience forms.

The Board updated the following information on the application for permits and licensure: reciprocity, pending complaints, and updated theoretical course.

B. Alcohol and Drug Sub-Committee

Dr. Reading will be presenting at Seton Hall to discuss becoming an LCADC.

C. PC Regulations Sub-Committee

Committee Chair William Green, Committee member Diane Licht, and Committee member Peter Economou presented at the annual New Jersey Counseling Association (NJCA) conference held in April.

XII. FILED ORDERS

No items to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **June 9, 2016** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2016 Meeting Dates:

June 9, 2016

July 14, 2016

August 11, 2016

September 8, 2016

October 13, 2016

November 10, 2016

December 8, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW

Upon motion by Lorraine Barry, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board members voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: All.

A. LICENSURE

1. Matthew E. Maynard
2. John P. Simon

B. EXAMINATION AUTHORIZATION

1. Elise N. Cirelli
2. Rebecca Gillespie
3. Jenny Liu-Melita
4. Bijal Patel

C. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT

1. Deanna Brace
2. Gina M. Conley
3. Gisella E. Diaz
4. Jonathan E. Epstein
5. Bonny Frescura-Gutierrez
6. Heather Hernandez
7. Michelle L. Szekely

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Jose Perez, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to move to Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Lorraine Barry, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the public meeting at 1:00 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

